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Ms. Melnicoff:

I am responding to your electronic mail message addressed to Julie Ann Carter, Secretary of the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining.

Certain aspects of your message are outside the scope of the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act and the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining. We do not examine cumulative effects of operations, including such things as possible effects on climate change. Certain land use decisions are also outside our jurisdiction.

Your message says you understand the project's Phase II is only presented in conceptual form, that the State should conduct a thorough analysis of Phase II when EER is ready to proceed with it, and that the public should be afforded the opportunity to comment on Phase II prior to initiation of this expansion of operations.

DOGM has recently signed a settlement agreement with Western Resource Advocates stating that expansion into the west pit will constitute a significant revision to the plan. Significant revisions are advertised, and we accept public comment.

You briefly mentioned concerns about worsening air quality. As required in rule R647-4-109, the Notice of Intention includes various measures to control fugitive dust, and the operator has now included a letter from the EPA saying the operation is not subject to New Source Performance Standard subpart Ja.

I hope this answers your questions, but please feel free to contact me if you need additional information.

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